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SCOTTSDALE TO MAKE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON PIMA FRONTAGE ROAD In response to neighborhood safety concerns, the city will install two speed tables on the Pima Frontage Road between Camelback Road and Mackenzie Drive. The devices are intended to address accident experience and slow traffic approaching the intersection of Pima Road and Mackenzie. Previous efforts to improve safety at this location include installing end of road signs and additional pavement markings. For more information, Paul Porell, traffic engineering director, (480) 312-7651, pporell@scottsdaleaz.gov.

COMMISSION INITIATES PROCESS TO CONSIDER MILLER HOUSE FOR CITY'S HISTORIC REGISTER

The Historic Preservation Commission unanimously voted to initiate the Charles Miller house, located at 6938 E. 1st St., for historic designation consideration. The house was recommended for consideration because of its bungalow-style and its relationship to an important early Scottsdale resident. This home was purchased, moved to a downtown location and renovated by Mr. Richard Funke. The owner petitioned the Commission to initiate the process for designation. This action officially begins the process and starts the notice, posting and various other requirements associated with a historic designation. For more information, Don Meserve, preservation planner, (480) 312-2523, dmeserve@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

HOTEL VALLEY HO ADDED TO HISTORIC HOTELS OF AMERICA LISTING The latest addition of the Historic Hotels of America Directory, published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, includes the Hotel Valley Ho in downtown Scottsdale. The directory recognizes quality hotels that have maintained their historic integrity, are locally recognized for their historic significance and/or are eligible for listing on the National Register. The Scottsdale City Council added the hotel to the Scottsdale Historic Register in July 2002. Over 200 hotels and resorts in America are in the directory with five historic hotels in Arizona listed. The inclusion of the Hotel Valley Ho in this directory as "one of the country's best examples of mid-century architecture" will help market the hotel to travelers seeking a unique experience. The historic hotel reopened last December after an \$80 million renovation and improvement project by Westroc Hospitality. For more information, Don Meserve, preservation planner, (480) 312-2523, dmeserve@ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - GIANTS SPRING TRAINING FACILITY AT INDIAN SCHOOL PARK This past summer, additional improvements for the Giants Spring Training Facility at Indian School Park began. The installation of water and sewer lines crossing Camelback Road and field grading are now complete and a new sidewalk on the east side of the Club SAR parking lot is in place and connects Camelback to the promenade through the park. Installation of underground drainage components should be nearing completion, while footings and stem walls for the new building have begun. When complete, the building's foundation will begin. For more information, Linda Butson, project manager, (480) 312-2563, lbutson@ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

MAKE A RESERVATION FOR YOUR PRESERVE CONNECTIONS HIKE Reservations are being accepted for the fall 2006 "Preserve Connections" hiking tours of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Preserve Connection tours are organized by the City of Scottsdale and the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. Introductory hikes are scheduled for Oct. 28, Nov. 12, Nov. 25 and Dec. 10. Free transportation to the trailhead area is available at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Road. Buses leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. and the return time is between noon and 1 p.m. While none of these introductory hikes involve sustained climbs, the trails are uneven and rocky and are not suitable for wheelchairs, strollers or pets. For more information about the tours, www.scottsdaleaz.gov or www.mcdowellsonoran.org, or call (480) 312-3111. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (480) 312-7957. You may also register online at www.scottsdaleaz.gov by clicking on "Parks and Recreation Activities."

GETTING INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH G.A.I.N. G.A.I.N., or Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods, is an annual event designed to unite neighbors and communities to help create safer neighborhoods. Formerly known as National Night Out, this year's G.A.I.N. night event will be held starting at 4p.m. on Saturday, October 14th throughout Scottsdale. It's not too late for you to get involved in your neighborhood. For more information, Carrie Abts, citizen advisor, (480) 312-2342, cabts@ScottsdaleAZ.gov or online at <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/safety/gain.asp>

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